# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3484
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2000
DEATHS OF NATIONAL BIRDS IN MADHYA PRADESH
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have conducted a probe into the number of deaths of the National birds in Madhya Pradesh , Gujarat and others States reported during this year ; and

(b) if so, the causes of such massive deaths of the national birds and the steps taken to prevent such catastrophe in future ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) The number of peacocks that have died in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and other states during the year 2000-2001 and the reasons of the deaths are given in the Annexure. Madhya Pradesh has taken following measures to prevent such catastrophe in future:

(i) Assistance of Animal Husbandry Department is taken to conduct field surveys and to provide timely medical aid to the poisoned birds.

(ii) Farmers have been advised to cover the seeds with soil immediately after sowing.

(iii) Farmers have been advised to spread untreated wheat grains so that the pea-fowls do not consume insecticide treated seeds;

(iv) Awareness has been generated to provide information about any such incidences.

(v) The Forest staff have been asked to maintain vigil in sensitive areas.

(vi) Legal action is taken against the poachers.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 348 FOR REPLY ON 11.12.2000.

The number and reasons of death of peacock as reported by various State Governments

| Sl.No | State/ UT | Year | No.of Deaths of Peafowls | Causes |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Madhya Pradesh | 2000-2001 | 46 (14 in Maharajpura Village and 32 in Sitapur village in Morena Distt. | Consumption of insecticide treated bajra seed. |
| 2 | Gujarat (till 7/2000) | 2000-2001 | 4 | Natural death. |
| 3. | Haryana | 2000-2001 | 7 (2 in Palwal Distt., 5 in Panchkula Distt) | 2 cases unknown, 5 cases due to shock and incessant heavy rainfall. |
| 4 | Chandigarh | 2000-2001 | 2 | Accidental death due to breaking of branches. |

5. West Bengal 2000-2001 5 4 case due to disease;
1 case unknown
6. Andhra Pradesh 2000-2001 Nil Nil

7 Bihar 2000-2001 Nil Nil